

In the Abstract:

Please **replace** the paragraph at **page 19, lines 2 to 17**, with a replacement paragraph amended as follows:

A midsole structure for an athletic shoe includes an upper midsole (3) formed of a soft elastic material, a lower midsole (4) disposed under the upper midsole (3) and formed of a soft elastic material, and a wavy plate assembly (5) interposed between the upper midsole (3) and the lower ~~midsoles~~ midsole (4). The wavy plate assembly (5) ~~is comprised of~~ includes a wavy board (50) and a pair of sidewall members (51) provided discretely from the wavy board (50) and disposed on opposite sides of the wavy board (50). Each of the sidewall members (51) ~~is composed of~~ includes a wavy bottom portion (51b) overlapping the wavy board (50) and an upraised portion (51a) extending upwardly from the wavy bottom portion (51b) to face a side surface of the upper midsole (3). Provision of the wavy board (50) and the sidewall members (51) discretely from each other simplifies a layout of a mold for forming the wavy plate assembly (5), thereby reducing a manufacturing cost.

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